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Parenting

For online parenting information follow these links:

[*Just in Time Parenting*](#)

[*Nine Steps to More Effective Parenting*](#)

[*Parenting for Kids and Children*](#)

[*What to Expect*](#)

Home Visitation Programs

Support programs for pregnant women and parents of infants

Maternal Infant Health Program

Contact Muskegon Family Care Center at 231-737-1760 .

Or

Hackley Community Care Center at 231-737-1335

Healthy Families

Contact Catholic Charities at 1-877-277-9378 or 231-726-1247

Parenting—Where's the Manual?

When you come home from the hospital with your beautiful baby you are a parent—but how do you become a parent? It seems like it should just happen naturally but your infant is just not that simple. And as your baby grows it can become even more complicated. There is no magic parenting wand that turns you into the parent you want to be but there is a lot of help for you.

For a listing of Muskegon County Parenting Education and Support Services click [here](#) .

Muskegon County
Service Directory
**Muskegon County
Service Directory
for Parents of
Young Children**

Dads are Different

Research has shown that children with engaged fathers in their lives are

- ◆ More successful in school
- ◆ More literate with better verbal skills
- ◆ Better problem solvers
- ◆ More tolerant of others
- ◆ Able to handle frustration



Why? Because Dads are different than Moms and teach children different things. Dads teach children that it is safe to be curious and take risks. Dads teach children it's okay to be independent. Dads talk longer and ask more questions to stretch a child's communication skills. Dads help their children form relationships with different genders.

Dad and Bonding

10 Tips for Being a Great Dad



The **Period of PURPLE Crying®** is the phrase used to describe the point in a baby's life when they cry more than any other time. This period of increased crying is often described as colic, but there have been many misunderstandings about what colic really is. Learn more at www.purplecrying.info

"All children will enter kindergarten safe, healthy, and eager to succeed in school and in life."